

## **News Release**

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## LOCAL ATTORNEY SENTENCED IN TAX CASE

HONOLULU – On February 18, 2010, Robert V. Ferrigno pled guilty to two counts of failing to file his general excise tax returns and two counts of failing to file his individual income tax returns for years 2006 and 2007. On April 21, 2010, Ferrigno was sentenced. The Honorable Judge Russel S. Nagata granted Ferrigno's motion for deferred acceptance of guilty plea for a period of one year. Ferrigno was ordered to pay restitution of \$13,014 for his general excise tax at a rate of \$30 a month and pay a fine of \$2,500 per count for a total fine of \$10,000. Judge Nagata also told Ferrigno he is to remain tax compliant as a condition of his deferral.

Willful failure to file is a misdemeanor offense and upon conviction, one could be fined up to \$25,000 and imprisoned for not more than one year per violation.

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